Atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis

2876. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidences of atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis have been increasing in recent past;

(b) the number of such incidences, State-wise during the last five year (including 2002) and the number of Dalits and Adivasis killed in each incidence;

(c) whether all the culprits involved in these incidences have been arrested and punished;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The incidents of crime committed against Scheduled Tribes have shown a decreasing trend while the incidents of crime against Scheduled Castes decreased by 8.3% in 1998, 10.2% in 1999, 9.0% in 2000 and 8.5% in 2001 as compared to 1997. Two statements showing the total incidents of crime committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, state-wise, during 1997-2001 are enclosed as Annexure. [*See* appendix 197, Annexere No. 28]. Two other statements showing the incidents of murder committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1997-2001 are enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix 197, Annexure No. 28]. The figures for the year 2002 are not uniformly available from all the states.

(c) to (e) The information in respect of individual incidents is not maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau. However, two statements showing the number of persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted, trials completed, persons convicted and persons under trial under Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 during the years 1996-2000 and under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, during the year 1996-2000, are enclosed as Annexure, [*See* Appendex 197, Annexure No. 28].